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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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FOR: METHODS OF USING SODIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

A discussion of the **Support for the Amendments** begins at page 31 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 32 of this paper.